

The wife has told you when to feed the youngest and has left the milk. About feeding time toot-sium wakes up and tells you all about it. Warm up the milk and stick the nipple in the kid's mouth.

Maybe it will chew on it and get nothing. Shake the bottle to see if the milk flows; if it does not, get a needle and open up the holes.

If it still doesn't work, try a toothpick, and if under no circumstances can you get that apparatus to perform, then feed the infant with a spoon until it gets the full supply coming to it. Otherwise you'll have no peace until nother returns.

Leave babies alone until they holler, unless it is past feeding time.

If the baby isn't hungry or thirsty, or wet, or cold, or too hot, then it probably has a touch of colic, especially if you let it gulp the milk down too fast. Take it up, put its head over your shoulder and pat its back.

If that doesn't bring up the surplus air try a dose of peppermint essence in an ounce of real warm water.

Then get the baby warm, rub its feet, put a hot water bottle on its stomach, and wrap it up. If it still wants to cry, let it. Generally it will go to sleep if it is warm and has a full but comfortable stomach.

Wash the milk bottle and nipple in boiling water every time you use them.

Have the wife show you how

to truss up the baby in a diaper. It's a mighty handy thing to know.

If the baby is old enough to crawl, or toddle, or roll over, or play with things, the job's a snap. Turn it loose somewhere on a lariat and let it get its system as full of joy and fresh dirt as it can.

The ordinary babe has mighty few things the matter with it that come suddenly. Nothing of much moment is likely to come on the youngster while your wife is away.

Don't get excited or mad if it prefers to cry after you have attended to its simple wants. That's the way we get lung expansion.

And the quieter a baby is kept the better for it. Trundling it around the block, dancing it up and down on your knees, throwing it up in the air by making a neighborhood toy of it are all bad business. Feed it, change it, keep it warm, and then leave it alone.

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## 13 SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS



Also do your letter writing to Santa Claus early.

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Have you done it early?